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Press Release
Police Department

Torrance Police Department “Colors Run” Honoring Fallen Officer Thomas Keller

On Friday, November 2, 2007, Recruit Class #365 from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Academy, will be honoring fallen Torrance Officer Thomas Keller with their class “Colors Run.” One hundred and fourteen police recruits and seven staff instructors will take part in this wonderful event honoring one of the Torrance Police Department's finest, who lost his life in the line of duty on April 17, 1986. Participating in the run will be the Torrance SWAT Team joined by the Chief of Police and fellow Torrance Police Officers. Many South Bay Law Enforcement Agencies will also take part in this event. Officer Keller's parents, brother, and sister will be present to witness the 200 Officers as they run through the streets of Torrance on their way to Thomas Keller Memorial Park.

This will be the first time the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy has honored a Police Officer outside the Sheriff's Department during a “Colors Run.” The history behind the Colors Run is important. It is a time when an academy class endures a long run, earning the right to wear their agency's patch and badge and when the recruits display the character of a police officer or deputy sheriff.

The run will be escorted by the Torrance Police Motor Detail and begin promptly at 7:00 am from the north side of the Torrance Police Department and finish at the Torrance Police Department at approximately 8:00 am. During the run, the class will stop at the Thomas Keller Memorial park, where Police Chaplain Dean Mayeda will say a prayer. At the conclusion of the Colors Run, there will be a catered breakfast provided by the recruits followed by a few words from Chief John Neu and an academy class representative. A video tribute to Thomas Keller will be presented in the Assembly Room after the breakfast.

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